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Quick Notes

New Monthly e-Newsletter Coming in 2015!

Beginning in 2015, the Montana Immunization Program will begin sending monthly newsletters via email.

****If you currently receive a copy of our Newsletter via email, you will continue to receive the monthly version in 2015– it is not necessary to register.**

Don't currently receive our Newsletter?

[Register here](#)

VIS Updated

The pediatric multi-vaccine Vaccine Information Statement has been updated, and is now available. This VIS may be used in place of the individual VISs for DTaP, Hib, Hepatitis B, Polio, and PCV13 when two or more of these vaccines are administered during the same visit. It may be used for infants through children receiving their routine 4-6 year vaccines.

Note that this VIS no longer includes rotavirus vaccine, because its unique recommendations are not easily harmonized with those for other infant vaccines. The individual rotavirus VIS should be used.

Remaining stocks of the previous (11/16/12) edition of the multi-vaccine VIS should be discarded, and this edition used, beginning now. Please make sure you provide a VIS BEFORE administering any immunization to the patient.

To receive current copies of the Vaccine information statements, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>.

New Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendations for Adult 65 and Older

In August 2014, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13, Prevnar 13®) for all adults 65 years and older. This dose is in addition to the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23, Pneumovax® 23).

For those adults 65 and older who have not previously received pneumococcal vaccine should:

- ◆ Receive a dose of PCV13 first, followed 6 to 12 months later by a dose of PPSV23.
- ◆ If PPSV23 cannot be given during the 6 to 12 month window, PPSV23 should be given during the next visit after 12 months.
- ◆ The two pneumococcal vaccines should not be administered on the same visit.

For adults previously vaccinated with PPSV23:

- ◆ A dose of PCV13 should be given at least 1 year after most recent PPSV23 dose.
- ◆ For those for whom an additional dose of PPSV23 is indicated, this subsequent PPSV23 dose should be given 6 to 12 months after PCV13 and least 5 years since the most recent dose of PPSV23.

For adults at increased risk for pneumococcal disease the recommendations remain unchanged:

- ◆ Adults 19 years and older with immunocompromising conditions, functional or anatomic asplenia, CSF leaks, or cochlear implants and have not previously received PCV13 or PPSV23, should receive a dose of PCV13 first followed by a dose of PPSV23 at least 8 weeks later.
- ◆ Adults at increased risk for pneumococcal disease who received PCV13 prior to 65 years of age, no further doses of PCV13 are recommended.

Immunization Action Coalition has updated a sample standing order for administering pneumococcal vaccines (PPSV23 and PCV13) to adults. You can find this and other standing order samples at www.immunize.org/standing-orders.



A note for imMTrax Users:

imMTrax currently does not have the ability to forecast the same immunization for multiple age groups that are not consecutive in years. It cannot forecast for both children less than 5 years and adults 65 years and older without forecasting for all ages. Therefore, PCV13 immunizations administered to those outside the ages recommended for children may display as “Invalid.” Please follow the ACIP recommendations and disregard the “Invalid” note if the dosing and ages are appropriate for the recommendation. We hope to make some upgrades to the forecaster in the next year, which may assist with this display.

The Care Van: Montana's Newest Resource Aims to Increase Immunization Rates

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana has rolled out a van fitted to provide medical services throughout the state; including immunizations. The Care Van, and resources provided by Care Van Administrator Peter Nowakowski, are available at no cost to partner agencies by Blue Cross Blue Shield. The intent is for other entities, public and private, to provide the health care workers to staff it. Their goal is to "Raise Immunization Rates".



They recently partnered with Toole County Health Department on November 3, reporting it worked very well and Peter was great to work with. They gave approximately 120 immunizations total. If you would like to partner with Peter Nowakowski and use this Care Van in your county, please call Peter at 406-437-5256. Here are a few pictures showing the work that Peter and Toole County accomplished that day!



Custer County One Health Fights the Flu with a Special Halloween Flu Clinic



“Costumes, prizes and treats as a little trick to protect the health of your little goblins by getting them vaccinated”- That’s how Custer County One Health turned Halloween into an opportunity to vaccinate their community against the flu while having lots of fun. An energetic and in-costume staff, was able to provide flu vaccinations to well over 100 members of the community (many in costume themselves) during a 5-hour flu clinic on Halloween Day.

Using an *spooky* mixture of prizes, fun, and (of course) treats, One Health was able to Say BOO To The Flu! Congratulations!



SAY BOO TO THE FLU

Get your family vaccinated against the flu & join oneHealth on Friday, October 31st from 12pm – 5pm for

Boo Flu!

Costumes, prizes and treats as a little trick to protect the health of your little goblins by getting them vaccinated.

Vote for your favorite Pink Pumpkin, see all of our fun costumes, get a treat and sign up for your chance to win 4 tickets to the Montana Theatre or a \$25 gift card to Discovery Pond. **No appointment necessary.** Just come in for Boo Flu!



Have an upcoming event you’d like highlighted? A recent program success story you’d like to share? Let us know!

REMINDER--Watch Expiration Dates

Please remember to watch your vaccine expiration dates. imMTrax can help with this! All vaccines that are going to expire within the next 3 months are highlighted pink (shown below). We do allow transferring of VFC vaccine from one VFC provider to another within driving distance. Please follow section 12 of the vaccine management plan for vaccine packing/transporting instructions.

MMR-V	ProQuad	10 pack - 1 dose vials	Merck Sharp and Dohme	J006160	9	Y	Y	11/30/2014
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Final Words

Any Changes?

Do you have a new email address? Has your name recently changed? Submit your imMTrax updates to mfuncness@mt.gov or call (406) 444-2969.

Check Your Saved DPHHS Links!

The new Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) website went 'live' on November 12. As a result, bookmarks to specific pages on the current site may need to be updated. The main DPHHS home page link will remain <http://dphhs.mt.gov>.

The Immunization Program's previous website (www.immunization.mt.gov) is currently set to redirect automatically to our new homepage:

www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/immunization



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